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**From:** Blackwell, Brett [Blackwell.Brett@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/18/2022 8:01:43 PM  
**To:** Sobus, Jon [Sobus.Jon@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: yo

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Hey, sorry for the delayed response. I'm happy to chat more this week about our plans. I am not planning any extensive work for the AltEN project for several reasons. This StRAP cycle is in the middle of multiple transitions at our lab, so that is making it difficult to know how much I can commit to. We have lab renovations beginning May 2023, and I'm getting pulled more into bioaccumulation work since 2 PIs are retiring this year. Add in the mess that is the AltEn planning, and I feel inclined to not dive in too deeply.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Brett

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**From:** Sobus, Jon <Sobus.Jon@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** Blackwell, Brett <Blackwell.Brett@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** yo

Sorry I missed the last meeting with you and Angela and Elin. I got pulled into a RACT thing and it lasted the full hour.

At some point (perhaps next week) can we touch base? I want to see what you have planned for those surface water samplers. I'm hoping we can do some work together for the StRAP.

Thanks,  
Jon